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THEY KAIN'T, AND THEY KAIN'T.

And So Opportunities for Money Making in Small Crops Go Unimproved.

Home-grown Irish potatoes would easily bring \$1.00 to \$1.25 on this market, but there are none to be had. Seed potatoes in the stores sell at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Beans bring readily \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bushel, and retail at 10 cents per quart. That is, they would bring it, but there are none for sale. Cabbage would easily command from 2½ to 5 cents per pound, but none have been seen in a good long time. Wheat is supposed to be worth \$1.00, and corn 80 cents, but where can you buy a grain of either at these prices. Oats are the finest feed for stock, but the average Stokes farmer would swoon at the sight of a bushel of them. They sell for 60 to 75 cents per bushel. Sweet potatoes! Oh, thou golden luxury, pleasant to the taste and palatable to the human physical economy, where art thou! Worth \$1.00, but not a 'tater in sight. Peas, the cheapest things a farmer can raise, the most excellent feed for stock and cattle ever grown, and the best medium through which that valuable fertilizing ingredient, nitrogen, may be transferred to the soil—not a bushel to be bought. Worth \$1.25 to \$1.50. Onions, which though we would prefer that our sweethearts would abstain from their use, are nevertheless a most useful and staple article, and easy to grow, are not to be had for less than 10 cents a quart, and you can't find a peck within a radius of 10 miles at that price. Butter—the cows seem to be on a strike with the hens, for a pound of the one will bring as much as a dozen of the other, and either is worth 20 cents. Chickens are as scarce as their own teeth at 7½ cents per pound.

So this is the uncomfortable situation with which we are confronted by the fact that our farmers can't raise

anything but tobacco. Not that they won't, but that they can't. At least that's what a large number of them, interviewed by the reporter, said. First, they don't raise these things because there's no money in them. Second reason: Raise all tobacco and buy these things, and have plenty of money left. That is their theory. They won't listen to our plan. Of course they haven't tried it, but the tobacco farmer is wise enough to know things by intuition, without investigation. The fact that every pound of tobacco raised by seven-tenths of our farmers has to be sold to buy the very staples they scorn to raise (and then they don't get to taste half of the luxuries we have mentioned above after the frost kills the garden) is no argument to Mr. All-Tobacco Farmer. He has said he kaint, and he kaint. That's enough, which drives one to the inevitable conclusion that there is a certain species of animal which you "may convince against his will, and he'll be of the same opinion still."—Danbury Reporter.

Poisonous Plants.

Each recurring spring brings to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture specimens of plants which have poisoned animals or children. The latest case of such poisoning occurred near Warsaw—a child having eaten as "spring greens" the bulbous roots of a plant locally called "Stagger grass," and which is botanically known as *Zigadenus glaberrimus*. This plant belongs to the Colchicum tribe of the lily family, and is not a true grass. It bears large white flowers in June. Stagger grass is a common native plant of wet meadows and savannahs in the eastern part of the State, and is probably the cause of much sickness among grazing animals in early spring.

Other common and poisonous plants liable to be eaten by stock are the Calico and Wicky Laurels, *Kalmia latifolia* and *K. angustifolia*. The leaves of the wold black cherry and those of the common buckeye are poisonous. The leaves and seeds of the Jimson weeds are very poisonous. The flowers of the Yellow Jessamine and the Larkspur are poisonous. The two Sneezeweed common in this are injurious to stock. The roots of the Indian Poke *Veratrum viride*; the Indian Turnip, *Arisaema triphyllum*; and the common Poke, *Phytolacca decandra* are all poisonous. The night-shades and Sumachs are poisonous. The wild and garden Spurge are poisonous to the skin of many persons. The Water Hemlock, *Cicuta maculata*, a common weed has a very poisonous root which is often eaten by children under the impression that it is Sarsaparilla.

REMEDIES FOR VEGEABLE POISONS

For animals not much can be done. A draught of warm melted lard poured down the throat of the animal from a long necked bottle will generally relieve the pain, and in most cases when used soon after the effect of the poison become visible will save the animal's life. In case of


children a prompt emetic should be the first thing. Sulphate of zinc, from 20 to 30 grains, in a cupful of warm water is effective as is a teaspoonful of mustard in a cup of warm water. After the emetic has acted give some sweet oil, cream or fresh milk. If the pain is severe from 5 to 10 drops of laudanum may be added to the oil, cream or milk. If the patient becomes drowsy give strong coffee or whiskey in small, repeated doses, and keep patient walking.

Children should be taught to avoid eating strange plants, and stock should not be turned out too early when hunger forces them to eat plants they instinctively avoid at other times.

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